with fugitives and wounded: the battle appeared to be lost. The enemy were allowed to continue their advance as far as the village of San Giulano, where Desaix' division had been deployed, with eight fieldpieces on its front, and two battalions thrown back and in column on the wings. All the fugitives were rallying behind. The enemy were already making mistakes that presaged their catastrophe, they were extending their wings too much. The presence of the First Consul was restoring the morale of the troops: —- My lads, he called out, remember that my habit is to sleep on the battlefield! —

With shouts of *Vive la Republique! Vive le Premier Consul I* Desaix moved forward by his centre at the charge. In a moment the enemy's line was broken. General Keller-mann, who, with his brigade of heavy cavalry, had been protecting the retirement of our left wing all day, charged at just the right moment, and so hard that 6000 grenadiers, with General Zach, chief of staff, were made prisoners, while several generals were killed.

The whole army followed up this attack. The enemy's right was cut off; surprise and panic seized their ranks. The Austrian cavalry moved to the centre to protect their retreat. Brigadier-General Bessieres, at the head of the *Cassecous* and the grenadiers of the Guard, bravely and promptly charged them and broke through them, which